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Decision on asphalt plant delayed until February meeting

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The governing commission for the Port of Sacramento on Monday agreed to delay action on a possible Industrial Blvd.-area concrete and asphalt batching plant – an action which pleased members of a visiting community group critical of the plant.

"They expressed surprise that so many people would take an interest in a port agenda item," said Derek Backus of the new "West Sacramento QUAD" group. Backus said at least a dozen of the group's members made it to the meeting, despite the meeting time on a weekday afternoon. "They granted our request not to take action on the issue until their February meeting."

Port chairman Michael McGowan, a West Sacramento resident who represents the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on the commission, said that port officials had concerns about the plant even before hearing from the citizens' group.

"The commission had a number of questions going into (Monday's) meeting," said McGowan. "My position coming out of that was to ask the rest of the commission to hold off until we had answers to our questions. One question was what the project's contribution to port tonnage will be. A second is how necessary the cement and asphalt plant are to the overall project. Another issue is who should be handling the environmental review issues."

McGowan said it was the first time in memory that a proposal had come forward which could require the port to perform a state-mandated environmental review, and its legal staff needed to examine the issue.

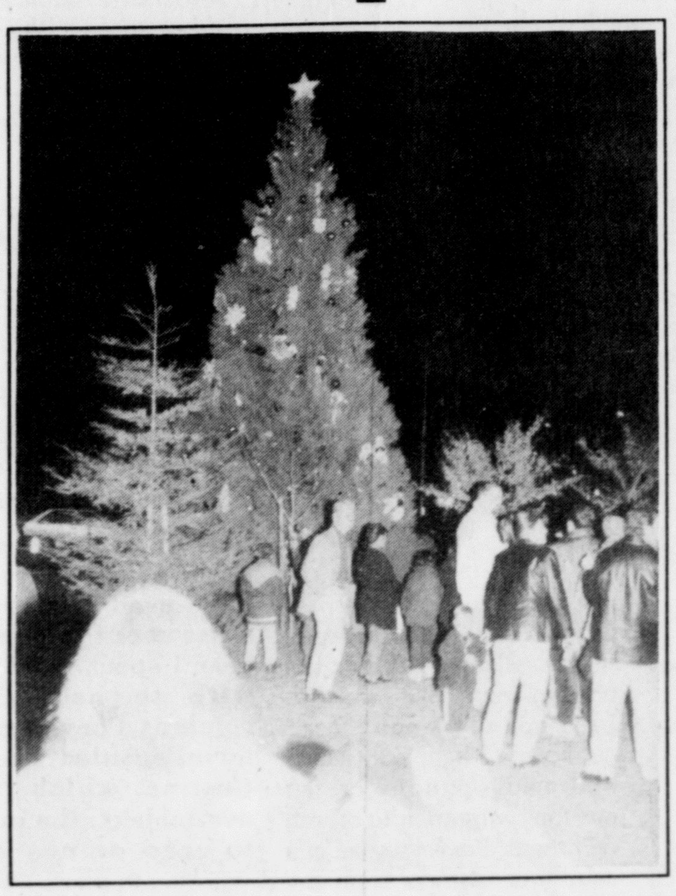
Backus, of the community group West Sacramento QUAD, said he was gratified that the port commission invited his group to interact further on the approval process for the port. He reports having asked the port to slow down and examine all the impacts before cutting a deal with Bay Area-based Pacific Cement for the asphalt and cement plant.

Air quality and health issues were the number one concern, said Backus.

"I think what we wanted to say was that we're a broad-based community group," Backus told the News-Ledger. We're not concerned only with our own property values, but also with impacts on the whole city. There's a school to the north of the (proposed asphalt and concrete plant), and that's the

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All lit up





The City of West Sacramento and the local chamber of commerce on Friday sponsored an official Christmas tree-lighting ceremony at Park Blvd. and Jefferson Blvd. Festivities included a visit from Santa and carols from the River City High School choir.
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: The tree towers above visitors; A reindeer of questionable lineage who arrived with tree-grower Diane Virdee; Santa is flanked by chamber president Denise Edgar and Mayor Mark Montemayor; and the RCHS choir offers up music.
Photos by Barry Blacklaw





Ethanol producer looks at port land

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The Yolo County Economic Development Commission has been involved in helping a proposed ethanol plant choose a site, the News-Ledger has learned, and prime candidates for the facility are the Port of Sacramento in West Sacramento and the former Spreckel's Sugar plant in Woodland.

Two local figures close to the selection process have confirmed this information on condition of anonymity, but neither the county commission nor the port's director could immediately be reached for further information.

Meanwhile, and article in the Sacramento Business Journal states that the ethanol plant could be designed for the port in a pairing with a previously-proposed energy plant.

The power plant, proposed by Ameresco, would supply electricity to the ethanol plant in what has become an "evolving" project plan, said one of the local officials.

Ethanol is created by processing agricultural products, and is used as a fuel additive.

No danger from parked cars, says UP

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Railroad cars parked near residential neighborhoods in West Sacramento don't pose a safety hazard, said a Union Pacific Railroad spokesman – although the cars may or may not contain loads of a toxic substance called anhydrous ammonia.

"There is no inhalation danger in the parking of any kind of cars on the railroad," said Mike Furtney, a UP spokesman. "They're all designed for safety and security. Virtually all of the cars are double-walled construction, so they're nearly impossible to puncture."

One local resident expressed concerns that the cars, even after emptying, could pose a leak hazard. The substance, if released, could form a heavier-than-air cloud that damages lungs, eyes and mucous membranes, injuring or killing anyone exposed. The cars of anhydrous ammonia are often used locally to service a fertilizer plant west of the Port of Sacramento in West Sacramento.



One of a string of anhydrous ammonia tankers parked next to Jefferson Blvd. last week (Photo by Barry Blacklaw)

But Furtney said that railroad cars have historically been very safe from accidents during storage on rail sidings.

What about deliberate vandalism, such as a terrorist or criminal attempting to spill a car's contents?

"I don't remember an incident when somebody opened up a tank car," said Furtney. "Some of those valves are also very difficult to open."

Santa Claus is coming to your part of town—

West Sacramento firefighters are again planning to bring Santa Claus on a tour of local neighborhoods, beginning on Monday.

Santa will hitch a ride aboard a fire engine, while his helpers hand out candy and collect donations of food for the needy. The truck will be decorated with lights, and will feature Christmas music on the tour.

Each "Santa run" will begin at 6: 30 p.m. You can catch Santa at the following

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Council may delay apartment question

A proposal to build a 192-unit apartment complex at the corner of Sacramento Avenue and Douglas St. remains "in play" despite mixed feelings from community members, a 4-2 "no" vote from the city council, and concerns by the local school district about the project's impacts on local schools.

A public hearing on changing the zoning at the site from "community commercial" to "multifamily residential" was scheduled for tonight's city council meeting. But city planning staff member Steve Rikala said yesterday that the project's applicant had recommended the agenda item be delayed "to a date uncertain."

The council generally honors such requests to delay an item.

He added that the general plan amendment remains on the city's agenda as a matter of process – and not because the city council has taken any action to encourage the apartment complex.

The project is proposed by the G.W. Williams Company, the property's owners, in conjunction with a local consultant.

The RCHS 'Review'

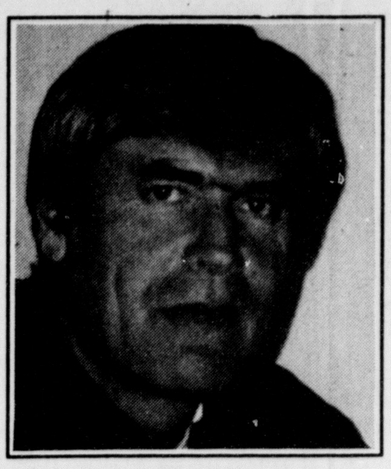
Today's newspaper includes a current issue of the River City High School "Review" newspaper.

The "Review" is a publication of the high school, and it is written and created solely by the high school journalism class.

It is printed by the News-Ledger as a service

Recalling some old poems, sayings & favorite quotes

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

People I meet and spend some time talking with, or people I just meet in passing, often remind me of old quotes, poems, or sayings I've come across in the past. Although I'm afraid I can't remember all of the authors, here are a few examples:

I had a lengthy discussion with a local politician the other day and was reminded that, "There is a constant increase, a stupendously rapid increase, in the number of obedient, docile men."

After swapping war stories with a remarkably humble and much decorated veteran of World War II, I was reminded that "Heroes are not made in heaven; they are simply cornered somewhere on earth."

A friend of mine who is very possessive of those he loves often reminds me that "He who binds to himself a joy doth the winged life destroy, but he who embraces the joy as it flies, lives in eternity's sunrise."

Someone I recently got stuck sitting next to at a dinner party harangued me for over 15 minutes about how my generation had no respect for freedom and democracy because of all the anti-war demonstrations that occurred during the 1960s, reminding me of the old Frederick Douglas quote which reads: "Those who profess to freedom, yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing, rain without thunder and lightning, and the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters."

When my children were young they were always reminding me that "From a child you can learn: always to be happy; never to sit idle; and to cry for everything you want."

When I am substitute teaching at River City High School and see a student staring off into space, I'm often reminded that during our school years, "The hours that mattered most, in terms of passion, high stakes, daydreams and ideals of justice; all those hours were times sneaked in, unlicensed, and unpermitted."

Awhile back, while trying to have a rational conversation with an employee of the California State Department of Motor Vehicles, it dawned on me that "We grossly misjudge the distance between the cushioned seat and the padded cell."

I talked to a local political activist not too long ago and was reminded that "The people who think they know it all can really annoy those of us who do."

A friend of mine who has been badly burnt a couple of times by failed romances absolutely hates it when I remind him of Nicholas Cage's words to Cher in the movie Moonstruck: "Don't be playing it safe. Remember, we are not perfect. The snowflakes are perfect. The stars are perfect. We are here to ruin ourselves, to break our hearts, to love the wrong people."

An old friend of mine who ran around with the wrong crowd and could have easily ended up in prison -- or worse -- decided to marry a really neat lady instead, and when I see him now, I'm reminded of the last few lines of my favorite Robert Frost poem: "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -- I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

Anytime I hear politicians and media pundits crying out for young men to march off to war, I'm reminded of a couple of stanzas from my favorite World War One poem:

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short time ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunrise glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

When I lose a relative or friend, I am always somehow comforted by the following Albert Camus quote and Emily Dickinson poem:

"In the brief time that is given to him, he warms and illuminates without turning from his mortal road. Sown by the wind, harvested by the wind, ephemeral seed and nevertheless creative sun, such is man, through the centuries, proud to have lived a single instant."

I never saw a Moor--
I never saw the Sea--
Yet I know how the Heather looks
And what a billow be.
I never spoke with God
Nor visited in Heaven--
Yet I am certain of the spot
As if the Checks were given.

And finally, I think it's good that we all remind ourselves from time to time that, "The journey is about laughing together, and loving each other, and seeking adventure, and making a difference, and sometimes you just have to take the leap, and build your wings on the way down."

NOTE: As many of you know, from time to time I have used this space to write about the long ago year I spent in Vietnam. With the help of those columns, I have written a novel entitled *The High Ground*, which is now available on the Internet to read or buy at the iUniverse.com.bookstore. In a few weeks, the book will also be in a number of Sacramento bookstores and I will also have copies of it here at the *News-Ledger*. It's a paperback book, 6" X 9", and 355 pages in length. Warning – the book does have sex, violence and bad language in it (the publisher said to make sure I include that sentence in all promotions to help with sales).

Obituary

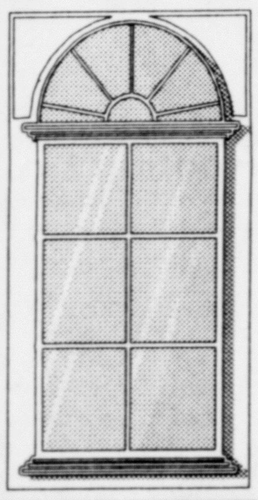
Robert Foster Jack

Robert (Bob) Jack died on December 2, 2001 in Sacramento, California. He was born on April 14, 1912 in Stockton, California to James Albert Jack and Elsie Harris Jack. The Jack and Harris families were early pioneers in San Joaquin County.

Bob married Evelyn Caroline Harder of

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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

Kings Korner

The Sacramento Kings (13-5) returned to the friendly confines of the Arco Arena on Sunday night only to lose in overtime to the Dallas Mavericks 120-114. The Kings road trip last week ended with a 3 and 1 trip that included winning three games in Texas against the Rockets, Mavs and Spurs. The Kings,who look tired on Monday night in their overtime loss, need to regroup their energy as they prepare to host Allen Iverson and the 76ers Tuesday night and then Los Angeles Lakers (7 p.m.- ch.31) on Friday night. The Lakers have only 1 loss in 16 games this season. The Shaq and Kobe show returns to the Arco Arena against the Sacramento as the Kings prepare to play 15 of their next 20 games in the friendly confines of the Arco Arena. The Kings will host the 76ers, Lakers, Heat and the Magic before they travel for two tough road games in Phoenix and Minnesota next week. I still think Webber will return to action this Friday against the Lakers (7 p.m.-ch.31).

NFL Action

The Oakland Raiders (8-3) looked beyond Arizona on Sunday and were upset 34-31 by the resurging Cardinals. The Raiders special teams gave up the game on a fumbled punt return three minutes into overtime. The Raiders still have command of the Western Division especially after the Broncos, Chargers and Chief lost. The Raiders still have five game remaining, three are at home and only game is against a winning team. A crowd of 46,601 was the smallest of any of Oaklands five home games. Expect a few more blackouts his season. The Raiders will look to lock up the Western Division title this weekend as they host the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday (1:15 p.m-ch.13).

The 49ers (9-2) mugged the Buffalo Bills 35-0 on Sunday night to set up the biggest game of the year next Sunday in St. Louis (9-2) against the division leading Rams. The Niners young defense had another outstanding day holding the Bills to only 191 total yards. The Niners young secondary will have to rally the nickel defense against Warner and Co. if they expect to beat the Rams on their Astro Turf. Garrison Hearst enjoyed another fine day at the office rushing for 124 yards on 25 carries. The Niners will have to run the ball on the Rams to control the time of possession and keep the ball out of the hands of Warner & Co. The 49ers (+7) game on Sunday (10 a.m.-Fox) that will feature the two best young NFL quarterbacks in the game in Kurt Warner and Jeff Garcia. One thing for sure, it won't rain in the Dome so expect an exciting high scoring game that will be decided by a field goal.

My NFL picks took on the chops again this time sending by dog Aztec back to the doghouse after he clawed his way to win on Monday night with the Packers but he suffered 2 losses when the Jets lost and the Saints couldnt cover 8 points. My record now stands at 14 wins, 20 losses and 2 ties. This week I like the New York Giants (-4) at Dallas and the Arizona Cardinals winners of three straight games in a pickem at home against the Washington Redskins. On Monday night take the Colts (+7) and the points against the Eastern division leading Miami Dolphins.

World Cup Soccer

The United States was grouped with South Korea, Portugal and Poland at the World Cup draw Saturday in South Korea. The U. S. team will open with Portugal on June 5th. The Sacramento Knights will be hosting the Dallas Sidekicks in the Indoor Soccer playoffs on Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. The first 5,000 fans to enter the Arco Arena will receive rally rags to cheer on the Knights to a playoff victory. For ticket information call (916) 922- KICK.

See ya next week!

OBITUARY
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Modesto on November 6, 1933. Bob and Evelyn were residents of West Sacramento since 1954. Bob was a truck driver for 43 years. He was a member of Masonic Scepter Lodge 808 and Ben Ali Temple. He was also an avid salmon and striper fisherman on the Sacramento River.

Survivors include Bob's wife of 68 years, Evelyn Harder Jack; his sister, Doris Jack Bates of Stockton; his niece, Carole Ann Bates Price of Stockton; and his nephew, Ronald James Bates of San Jose. Funeral and burial services will be private, with arrangements by Mount Vernon Memorial Park, 8201 Greenback Lane, Fair Oaks. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ones favorite charity or to the Shriners Hospital for Children.



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Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

1. When was the last time before the 2001 season that two members of the 500-homer club played against one another in a game?
2. Who was the first baseball player to win the MVP and Rookie of the Year awards in the same season?
3. What team holds the record for most points in an Arena Football League game?
4. Entering the 2001-2002 college basketball season, how many Final Four appearances had Mike Krzyzewski made with Duke?
5. Who has held the longest continous captaincy of an NHL team?
6. In what place did Jeff Gordon finish in the NASCAR points race during his rookie season of 1993?
7. How many Grand Slam tennis events did Andrea Jaegar win during her career?


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The Carter Group, CA #0352566,3000 Duluth St., West Sacramento CA 95691.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-1-01.

/s/Renee Mason-Carter

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Resolution 01-100 amending the Book of City Imposts for various Development Impact Fees.

Resolution 01-109 amending the Book of City Imposts for changes to existing fee schedules for various city regulatory activities, products and services.

Ordinance 02-1 to establish a Fire Facilities and Equipment Development Fee.

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98 percent of all Christmas trees are grown on farms.

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The most important thing in acting is honesty. Once you've learned to fake that, you're in.
—Samuel Goldwyn

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True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.
—George Washington

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Nonviolence, pacifism, that's the greatest thing that I think the human species has to aspire to, because otherwise it's not going to be around.
—Martin Scorsese

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/s/Suzanne O'Brien

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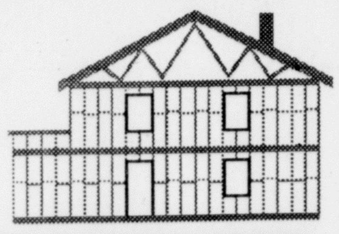
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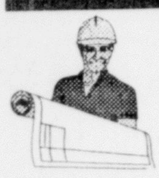
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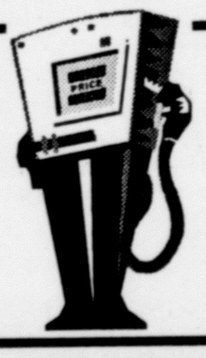
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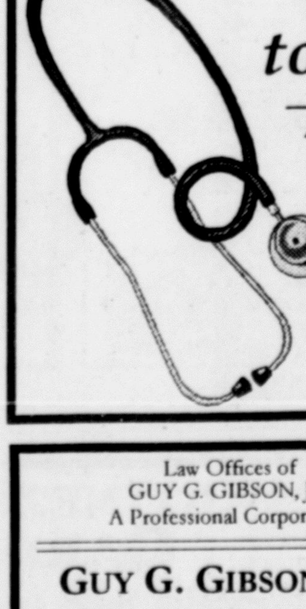
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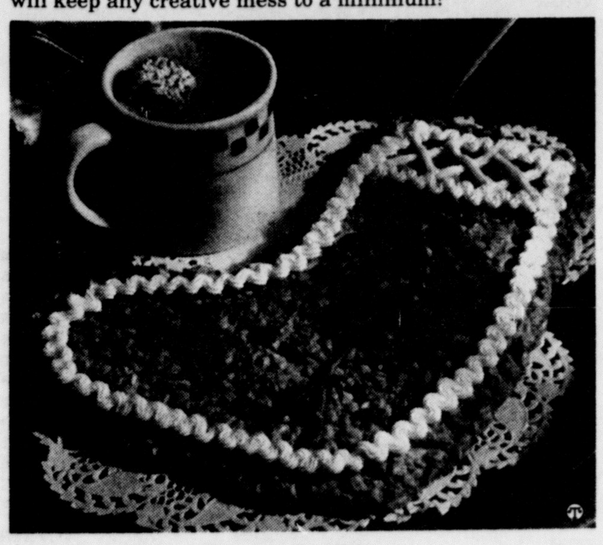
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(NAPS)—Surprise Santa this year with a really big cookie. *Santa's Stockings*, giant cranberry-oat cookies, are a fun project for parents and kids to make together.

Parents or older kids can mix the simple ingredients while younger kids will enjoy patting the dough into stocking shapes. When it's time to decorate, everyone can participate. Putting the candies and frostings into separate bowls will keep any creative mess to a minimum!



Santa's Stockings
4 Jumbo Cookies

½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened
⅔ cup firmly packed brown sugar
¼ cup granulated sugar
1 egg
2 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
¾ cup all-purpose flour*
½ teaspoon baking soda
2½ cups Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
1 cup dried cranberries
Decorator icing
Assorted candies
If using old-fashioned oats, add 2 tablespoons more flour.

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray two large cookie sheets with nonstick cooking spray; dust with flour. Trace two large stocking shapes on each sheet. In large bowl, beat butter and sugars with mixer until creamy. Add egg, milk and vanilla; beat well. In medium bowl, combine flour and baking soda; stir in oats and cranberries. Add to mixer bowl; beat well. Divide dough into 4 equal portions. With moistened hands, pat dough onto prepared cookie sheets into ¼-inch thick stocking shapes. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 2 minutes on cookie sheets. With wide spatula carefully transfer cookies to wire racks. Cool completely. Decorate as desired.

Holiday Hints

How To Make Your House A Home This Holiday Season

(NAPS)—With renewed appreciation for loved ones, this holiday season may have special meaning for many people.

With more focus on friends and family, it will likely be the special, personal touches that create memories and keep the holiday spirit alive this season.

To fill your home with holiday cheer, follow these easy tips:



Filling your home with holiday cheer may be easier with a few tips from the experts.

• **Keep the home fires burning:** Nothing takes the chill out of a winter's night like the warmth of a fire. Tossing in fragrant herbs such as sage or lavender can make the experience even more sensual.

• **The scent of a woman (or man):** Treat guests to beautifully scented soap, such as cKone, with its fresh, citrus scent that can be shared by everyone—men and women alike. Equipping bathrooms with rich, scented moisturizer and lush new hand towels can be another way to show guests how much you care.

your home. Bouquets of fresh flowers brighten a room with their colors and scent. You can use flowers in seasonal colors such as red or white roses. Or take a cue from nature and fill vases with arrangements of holly, fragrant evergreen, ivy and berries.

• **Gather together:** Turn off the TV and listen to a wonderful Christmas CD or read a classic holiday story, such as A Christmas Carol, out loud to your children.

Pointers For Parents

Holiday Sweet Treats Get Doctors' OK

(NAPS)—There may be sweet news for parents and children this holiday season.

You don't have to worry that visions of sugarplums dancing in your youngsters' heads will affect their brains. That is, scientific studies confirm that sugar consumption is in no way a cause of hyperactivity or Attention Deficit Disorder.

While sugar, like any other nutrient, should be consumed in moderation, researchers now say that it has no effect on a child's mood or ability to pay attention.

Explains Dr. Dean Edell, "Sugar doesn't cause any disease, doesn't make kids 'hyper'; it doesn't make adults 'hyper'. During holiday time kids are eating lots of sugar, and they seem 'hyper' because of the holiday. We've done the double blind studies. It does not affect moods."

The American Psychiatric Association agrees. Its members say no aspect of diet contributes to ADHD symptoms. Those symptoms can include:



• Fidgeting with hands or feet, squirming in a chair.
• Difficulty remaining seated.
• Running about or climbing excessively.
• Difficulty engaging in activities quietly.
• Acting as if driven by a motor.
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• Blurting out answers before questions have been completed.
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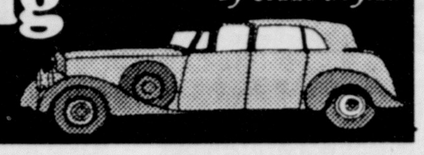
Any child who exhibits the majority of these symptoms, especially after the age of seven, should be seen by a doctor. A number of treatments are available. Avoiding sugar, however, is not generally considered among them.

So let your youngsters enjoy those holiday cookies, candy canes and chocolate coins—just be sure they brush their teeth afterwards.

You can learn more online from the Sugar Association, at www.sugar.org.

Touring with Teddi

by Teddi Boylan



Now is the time of year you are happy (for the most part) to have your family descend upon you.

My daughter Debbie and her husband, two sons and their respected intendeds from Los Angeles are coming up for our annual Christmas together. As most of you know by now, I live in a senior mobile home park. There is no way I can put them all up in my two bedroom mobile home, so I started looking at our local hotels and motels. When I went to Harbor Inn & Suites on Halyard Dr. at I-80, I had the good fortune to meet Neeter Patel, the director of sales and marketing. What a knowledgeable and pretty young lady.

I looked at a vacant unit and was quite impressed. The room was immaculately clean, and the bath was pristine. The furnishings were well coordinated, and they have a hair dryer, ironing board, data port phones and coffee machine in each unit, along with a 27 inch TV.

The courtyard, which is the center of the 138 units, features an outdoor pool and two heated jacuzzis. Harbor Inn also has five banquet rooms and an exercise facility. It's very clear to me why they have both AAA and Best Western certification. Call and find out their very reasonable room rates for both rooms and meeting facilities.

Harbor Inn: 1250 Halyard Dr., West Sacramento, 371-2100.

One of my favorite bumper stickers reads "Support Bingo: Keep Grandma off the Streets."

Well, one of the biggest bingo games of the year is planned for December 31, 2001, at Cache Creek Indian Casino. It's the 17th annual New Year's Eve celebration. Doors open at 4 p.m. All regular games pay $5,000. Bonanza of $10,000 must go. Also, "do it yourself" $10,000 and "super jackpot" of $20,000 must go. Admission is $100 per person. Reservations suggested. Call 1-800-452-8181.

If gambling is not your style, but you really want to give 2001 a big send-off, call Morrisons Restaurant in Woodland. They have taken over the main floor of the Hotel Woodland (recently renovated at a cost of $5 million) for the night, hired a band called the "Rolling Blackouts," and scheduled a midnight champagne toast. Tickets are $100 per person and are available only by advance purchase. Price includes all food and drink. Space is limited, so call soon: (530) 666-6176.

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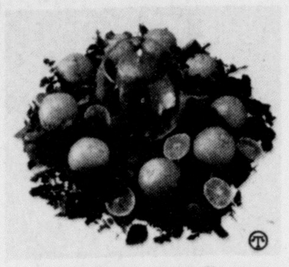
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Holiday Flair For Your Table

(NAPS)—'Tis the season to be decorating—and while you're decking the halls, add special holiday flair to your table, too.



Dried fruits and flowers combine with candles for a striking, sweet-smelling centerpiece.

"Holiday decorating need not be expensive or time consuming. All you need is a little creativity and the possibilities are endless," says Susan Brandt, assistant executive director at HIA (Hobby Industry Association). "Crafting is also a wonderful activity to relieve holiday stress and at the same time add that personal touch to your festive décor."

Natural elements—dried flowers, fruits, nuts, pinecones and more—can add a special touch to homemade decorations. Combined with candles, they make a charming centerpiece and inviting focal point for your holiday table:

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Black Student Union forms hip-hop dance group

For all of you people interested in dancing it's time to break out those boogie shoes! BSU has started a hip-hop dance group at River City.

What's hip-hop? It's break dancing, popping and other types of dancing. The group plans to perform during February, Black History Month. They also plan to perform at River City rallies.

Everise Lennox, BSU president said, " I think it's a good program. It teaches students discipline and school spirit. Anyone's who's interested should come to our weekly meetings." If you are interested in being a part of this dance group talk to Debbie, the campus aide, or Everise Lennox. The group meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the River City cafeteria from 3:30 to 5:30.

By Taylor Turner

Ms. Mejia-Hays named October teacher of the month

The teacher of the month for October was Mrs. Michelle Mejia-Hays. She has been with this school for three and a half years. She said, "I love kids even though sometimes I get a little crazy."

Mrs. Mejia-Hays loves to read and says she really likes to read the Harry Potter books "because he has glasses and can fly in the air." Her favorite subject in high school was English even though she hated her teacher. "She introduced me to Shakespeare and that was when I knew I was going to be a teacher," she said.

Mrs. Mejia-Hays teaches Intermediate ESL and English 102, and fifth period is her favorite class. She said if she were to teach any other subject it would be drama because "I am overly dramatic."

By Chris Starr

120 students qualify for Renaissance

Have good grades, attendance, and great behavior? Do you like to be given occasional gifts? Then Renaissance would be for you! 120 students qualified for the Renaissance this semester. 26 students qualified for the gold level, where the qualifications were to have a 4.0, 95% attendance, no "u" citizenship marks, and no suspensions, detentions or Saturday school. The other levels are silver, copper, and lastly, blue.

Renaissance is all about rewarding students with small parties, gifts, and finals survival packages. Make sure to listen for the drawings at the rallies to win a prize.

By Elizah Jiminez

Drama Club to present play in spring

It appeared that there would be no school play this year due to rennovations at Yolo High School. However, a new location has been found at Natomas Charter School. A play will be presented there in spring 2002. Drama Club held auditions on November 30 for the Lenaea Festival to be held at Sac State in February.

River City students participate in High School Clean Air Challenge

By Esthela Duran
Staff Writer

"Because when you can't breath nothing else matters" was the message the American Lung Association and River City's student government class were trying to get across to students on November 27. River City students were part of the High School Clean Air Challenge 2001. Students were encouraged to carpool, ride a bike, walk, or take the bus to spare the air.

During fourth period juniors and seniors attended an assembly where speakers from the American Lung Association gave information about electric cars and other ways that we can help to keep the air clean. Verbatum, a hip hop band that works with the American Lung Asssociation to promote clean air, rapped positive songs promoting ways to keep the air clean.

Students entertained students, as well. The Drama Club put on a play regarding clean air; however, in their play the bad air won. Challenging the Drama Club was Leadership, who put on a skit letting other students see what the future could look like. In the polluted future, the graduating class of 2002 died during their graduation because they couldn't breath. In the second part of the skit, students danced to the Sesame Street theme and showed a clean-air future.

According to the Leadership class, students took the matter seriously and carpooled. They are hoping students keep cooperating to spare the air.



Elizabeth Sexton performs in Drama Club's skit at November 27's assembly.
Photo: Christina Soto

Katie Harris hopes to attend good college

By Krystle Parkison and Shannon Rivers Holme
Staff Writers

Sleep. It's what every high school student loves to do. But, even though Katie Harris loves to sleep she can't. She is too busy being the Renaissance Student of the Month.

"I joined Renaissance to get cool stuff," she said of joining Renaissance two years ago.

But Renaissance isn't all she is interested in. She also likes dancing, cheerleading, and soccer.

Katie wants to get into a good college by working hard in school.

English is her favorite subject. "I love to write," commented Katie.

Picking a Renaissance Student of the Month is a very selective process.

"We try to find a good representative of Renaissance, someone who has been in Renaissance, and someone that shows others what being in Renaissance is all about," said Renaissance advisor Ms. Green. "Katie was in my English class last year and she is a wonderful example of a Renaissance student," she added.

Katie encourages students that want to join Renaissance to sign up, which she feels is the hardest part.

Student of the month believes she can achieve her high goals

By Krystle Parkison
Staff Writer

Junior Amanda Carriker is all heart. She was also October Student of the Month.

"Being Student of the Month makes me feel very surprised to know that I was voted for Student of the Month by my teachers," she said.

Why wouldn't her teachers love her when she loves school as much as she does, and has such high goals? After graduation, she says she wants to attend CSU Sacramento. Amanda wants to excel in her education and graduate with honors.

"I love school and playing basketball," she said. Playing basketball is one of Amanda's favorite hobbies. You can catch her playing on our varsity girl's basketball team. You will also probably be able to see her swim on the R.C.H.S swimming team this spring.

Besides sports, Amanda likes to do other things. Reading is something she enjoys doing. "My favorite books are probably the *Left Behind* series. I have already read the first 18 volumes and they just keep me coming back for more with all the suspense they end the book with," she said.

One of Amanda's goals in life is to bungee-jump. She also wants people to remember her and what she has accomplished. "I want people to remember that I always wanted the best for everyone and everyone should believe in themselves."

One word of advice Amanda has for us all: "Don't waste your time trying to be perfect."

Austrian exchange student joins River City's Class of 2002

By Ivy Branaman
Editor-in-Chief

Two hours west of Vienna, Austria, is a small village called Pichl. Antonia Feleermair misses Pichl. She misses the black bread made of dark, coarse flour. Most of all, though, she misses her family.

"The first day I was lonely," foreign exchange student Antonia Feleermair explained. She came to America from Austria three months ago. Antonia did not decide for herself where she would stay for her ten month stay in America. The organization that planned the trip did it for her; they sent her to live with the Yeargin family in West Sacramento and attend River City High School.

"I had so much luck," Antonia said gratefully. She is living with River City's ASB president Courtney Yeargin and her family. She is sincerely thankful to have found the family. "One day I had a bad day and I started to cry and feel homesick and they helped me," Antonia remarked. Antonia has spent time with the Yeargin family at the Mall of America in Minnesota as well as in Santa Cruz.

Coming here as an exchange student was not her idea. "A friend of mine told me to go when I finished economics school," she commented. Economics school is one similar to accounting school. She speaks German and English. She spent seven years in school studying English. " I thought it would be hard to understand [everything], but it's easier than I thought," Antonia added.

> *"I came to school the first day and everyone accepted me. It was unbelievable."*
> *~Antonia Feleermair*

Antonia has already passed the math and reading proficiency tests required of River City seniors to graduate. If she passes writing, she will walk with River City's Class of 2002 at graduation in June.

Antonia never had a problem of feeling isolated or as if she didn't fit in. "I came to school the first day and everyone accepted me. It was unbelievable," Antonia remarked. It is no surprise then that Antonia is a member of the Leadership class. "I just handle new students and birthday cards," she explained of her position in the class. Antonia also plans on joining the tennis team although she says she is "not good" at sports.

"I want to find the right thing for me to study [from my stay in America]," Antonia explained. About six weeks after she arrived, she had a revelation; she decided she wanted to go into the profession of sports therapy or something in that area. When she returns to Germany, she plans to study for her career. "One day I just had the idea and when I told my parents they said it would be perfect for me," Antonia explained. It seems so perfect for her because she likes to help people and enjoys sports.

Sophie, Antonia's older sister, may visit later in the year. It is a visit that Antonia looks forward to. The two middle sisters of four, they call themselves the "sandwich kids." Antonia cites her sister as a source of inspiration. "She knows what she wants and she reaches her goals," she explained.

Antonia seems sure of what she wants, and she seems to have everything it takes to achieve whatever she sets her sights on.

CSF promising program for college-bound students

By Liliana Reyes
Staff Writer

California Scholarship Federation is a program that offers high school students university information, and trips to UC Davis, CSU Sacramento and University of the Pacific. They went on a field trip to UC Davis on October 26 for a presentation on admission, a panel discussion and a tour of the campus. "This way high school students should get acquainted with the university campus," said Mr. Allen, a counselor for River City High and CSF adviser.

CSF member Victor Ujagar considers this program educational because he believes it will help him find his future career.

"Being part of this program I learned that college is a very important thing in my life," said William Clayton. Many members of CSF including have beenenrolled since their sophomore year.

" In order to qualify for this program, you must have college prep classes," Mr. Allen explained. The second semester of your sophomore year Mr. Allen will notify you if you are eligible to join.

Opinion

Question in the Quad

In the wake of September 11, Americans were able to see how much we really have. The holiday season is is well under way and we are all reflecting on what we want. We may also be thinking about what is most important to us. So, The Review asked River City students "What are you thankful for?"



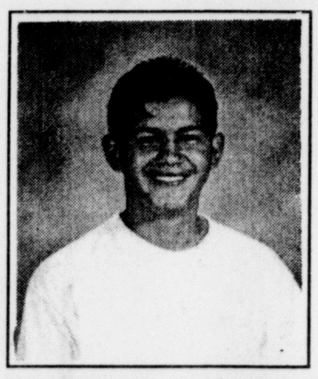
"I am thankful to be alive, and have a roof over my head, clothes on my back, and a warm bed to sleep in."

Tegan Coffin
Sophomore



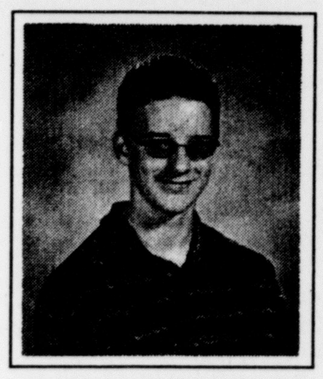
"I am most thankful for my family because I wouldn't be who I am today without them."

Lorenna Pulido
Junior



"I am thankful with life this holiday season because after the September 11th incident people are more united."

Jesus Rodriquez
Junior



"I am most thankful for friends. Without them, I'd go crazy."

Tim Parmley
Senior

National tragedy serves as wake up call for all

By Shannon Rivers Holme
Staff Writer

As the holiday season rolls in, we've all got a thousand things on our mind: gifts, friends, family, vacation, etc. But something in the back of everyone's mind is an infamous date. September 11 will forever be a part of this country. But how will Americans cope with their first holiday season since the national tragedy of 9/11?

The holiday season is supposed to be a time filled with peace, happiness, love, and togetherness. All of these are being greatly affected this year. Families, in the wake of 9/11 are scrambling to be with one another. Maybe this tragedy served as a wake-up call for American families, something showing them how quickly important things can be taken away.

This year will also be a time to reflect on the events of the last few months. With 9/11 and the war currently being waged in Afghanistan, there is much for American families to think about. We feel grief for those lost to attacks, sympathy for their families, and sadness for the victims of the current war.

While there may be a more somber feeling this holiday season, perhaps we Americans may receive the best gift of all very soon: the conquering of terrorism. It may be a lot to hope for, but we could be on the verge of it. That would be the greatest gift of all for America.

RC's cultural diversity provides students with real-world experiences

By Shannon Rivers Holme
Staff Writer

One of the most noticeable things about River City is its diverseness. There is diversity in almost every aspect of the campus: race, religion, musical tastes, just about every part of culture.

Most people seem to take for granted the multiculturalism of the campus. And I should know. I am one of those people. After thinking about it for only a few minutes the other day, I realized that in my circle of friends alone there are twenty different languages. It is amazing to anyone I point it out to. So, why has something so amazing been overlooked?

"Most of us have never experienced anything else; it's just normal for us," explained sophomore Krista Penney.

While it is true that a lot of students and staff don't take note of the diversity at first, once they have a chance to think about it, there's no doubt that they understand.

The majority of the students and staff found many advantages to such a diverse student body. Most students enjoy learning from people from other cultures. With so many different kinds of students, the opportunities are endless. Senior William Clayton pointed out," It gives you an understanding of the rest of the world. Your lives won't be based in one specific area."

River City students prefer being influenced by many different cultures to just being influenced by one, and they aren't the only ones. The staff also appreciates the diversity on campus.

"I'm not only glad that I work here, but I'm glad that my kids are here because it's so diverse. It will make them more accepting of other people," says staff member, and mother of two River City students Kelly West.

Counselor Cheryl Cain feels similarly. "There are no disadvantages. There is cultural education because there are so many culturally different students. This prepares you to interact with people of different races and religions," she said.

Tennis coach and special education teacher Dave Brooks added, " The real-world is diverse. Students get to experience different cultures."

"All students get the chance to interact with different cultures in a setting that's not threatening. Everyone has different ideas, and everyone

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Effects of 9/11

The Review asked staff and students how life has changed for them since 9/11. Here are some responses:

"It has (changed a lot). Now I live with a little bit of fear in the back of my head." ~ Nataleya Avetisov (sophomore)

"I'm more worried about my family's safety and I feel insecure to trust the people that I meet." ~ Claudia Rodriguez (senior)

"I look at people a little differently. September 11 was a day that touched everyone in a positive or negative way. I'm more patient with everything around me." ~ Ms. Hatz (staff)

"Well, I am just afraid to travel in a plane, and I think there should be more security in the airports. We all just have to be careful." ~ Araceli Diaz (sophomore)

"Life hasn't changed all that much, there's just so much support for the country, so much more than before." ~ Shawn Prasad (sophomore)

"It's gotten a lot more depressing, and its been easier to get scared." ~ Priya Kumar (junior)

"It has made me think about the possibilities of something similar happening to us. Other than that, I still co ntinue with my everyday life style." Byran Luna, (junior)

Pressure to find date for dances unnecessary

By Esthela Duran
Staff Writer

As a leadership student, I was very aware of Homecoming. From the beginning I knew I was going to be going to the dance. I also knew who I wanted to go with, and for some reason I thought this certain individual was going to ask me. I think the word is "hope." I was hoping he'd ask me. Little did I know that the next few weeks would be more than just getting ready for a dance. They would be a learning experience.

Just about everyone I knew asked me, "So, who you going with?" I was waiting for a certain someone to ask, so I'd answer, " I don't know yet." A couple of days went by, and at this point I had turned down another guy. Fortunately, he understood I was waiting for my special friend to ask, but I still felt bad. Two weeks before the dance, I was somehow convinced me to ask him since it seemed that he wouldn't be asking me in the near future. I did it. It was the first time I'd asked a guy to go with me to a dance, but I asked him. He gave a long answer, but at the end the answer was "no." Since I'm a 17-year-old girl I was pretty upset.

During the next few days, I decided that it didn't matter whether I had a date or not. I was going to go with a couple of my friends and just make the best of it. However, every day for the next few weeks, I'd still be asked "So who are you going with?" I would say I was planning on going with my friends, but the next day they'd ask, "So have you found someone yet?" Let's see, I had only told people I was going with my friends like a thousand times.

My plans changed right about when one of my friends got a date and another one got grounded and, of course, some were still not sure if they were going. It was now Spirit Week and truly I no longer wanted to go to Homecoming. I was not ready and, furthermore, I had no date. To make matters worse, I had asked two other people who also said no. Right about then I felt like there was a conspiracy going on, a conspiracy of "don't go with Esthela to Homecoming."

By the end of the week I seriously no longer wanted to go, but at this point I had a dress I had fallen in love with. I was still being asked who I was going with and my response now was, "I'm not going." I thought I had made up my mind until my friend reminded me I already had my dress and how pretty it was, and truly I didn't want to miss Homecoming.

As I look back at those weeks I realize that I wouldn't have found it necessary for me to go to Homecoming with a date if everyone had not made such a big deal of it.

On Saturday morning, the day of the dance, leadership students were required to come to set up at 8 a.m. Someone suggested we go see who had Saturday school and if they all had dates. Amazingly, I found a date that morning, and, yes, he had Saturday school. To this day I can't believe I actually made it to Homecoming and I have to admit I had fun that night. As I look back at those weeks I realize that I wouldn't have found it almost necessary for me to go to Homecoming with a date if everyone had not made such a big deal of it. Why couldn't I just go with my friends and have a good time? Why did I have to go with a date?

I feel that if so many people hadn't made such a big deal about the date thing, I wouldn't have really cared whether I had a date or not. Sophomore Regina Lopez had a similar story. She said at first she didn't care whether she had a date or not, she just wanted to go. But as the days went by so many people asked her who she was going with that she felt like a loser every time she said she didn't have a date.

Another sophomore, Bobby Jo Lamar, said, "I feel like there's a big pressure to find a Homecoming date because you don't want to tell people you don't have one and then feel like a loser."

Ristina Tilson, a junior, said she didn't want to go with anyone to Homecoming. She just wanted to go with her friends, but she felt like other people were pressuring her to go with a date by suggesting names. "Yeah, there's pressure to find a Homecoming date," she said.

The point is, some people are fine with not having dates. Why must other people make such a big deal about it? According to junior Desiree Lopez, feeling pressured to get a Homecoming date depends a lot on the kind of person you are. She said if you're a person who doesn't care about what other people think, then you'll be fine, but if you do care, then you're going to have a problem. I personally don't know if this is true. What I do know is that feeling pressured is an ugly feeling and no one should feel pressured to go with someone to a dance where you should go to have fun and enjoy yourself.

Now I'm looking at finding a date for Winter Ball, and Prom or should I just go solo? I don't know exactly what to expect; however, if another learning experience is coming my way. I must learn in order to grow.

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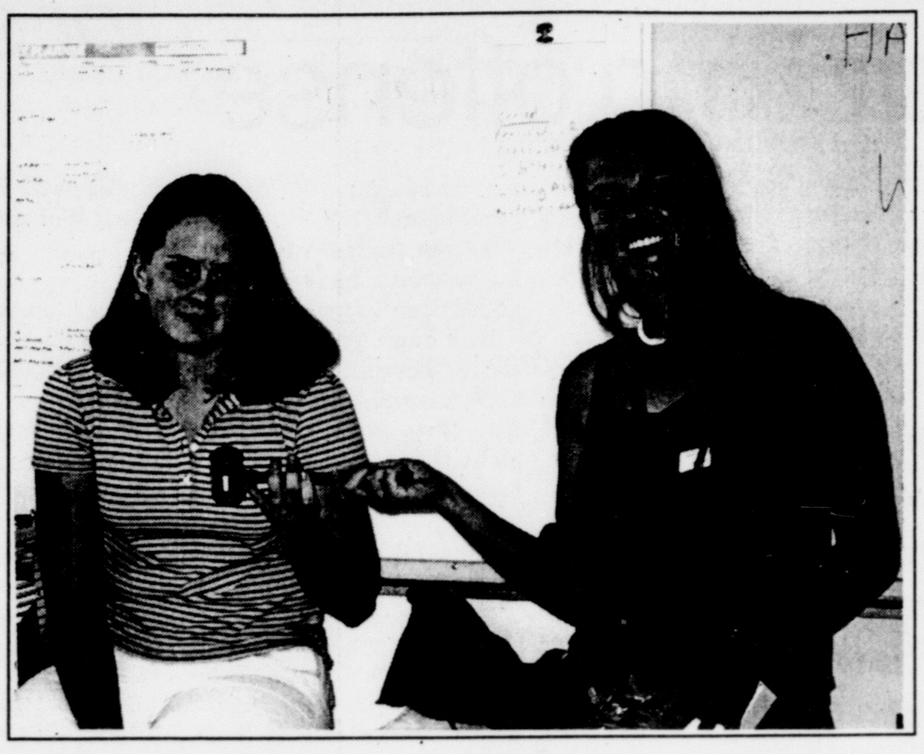
ASB president wants students to take pride in RC

By Elizabeth Felix
Staff Writer

For a moment put yourself in Courtney Yeargin's shoes. You are the Associated Student Body president for River City High School and you are responsible for the entire student body. What do you do? What do you say? Well, if you are Courtney then you are a natural-born leader, eager to serve, willing to listen, determined to meet any challenge and full of Raider Pride.

As a senior at River City High and a lifelong West Sacramento resident, Courtney is familiar with school tradition and what it takes to get the student body active in its community and on campus. Courtney encourages students and faculty to show school spirit and work hard to mold River City into a fun and positive learning environment. "I want people to have pride in our school," she said.

"Courtney has shown a great improvement in her leadership skills through her experiences as ASB President," commented Ms.Costanza, "she is a dependable,hard-working and a valuable asset to the group." As president, Courtney works with Ms. Costanza to conduct leadership meetings, plan school events and provide students with a strong sense of leadership on campus. Courtney's goal as ASB president is to set an example for all students by making academics a priority throughout high school and also making school a fun experience.



Courtney Yeargin, left, receives the gavel from last year's ASB president, Sara Penrod, this year at a Leadership meeting.
Photo: Bonnie Broxton

All of Courtney's free time is spent thinking of ways to improve River City, working with others and accomplishing goals. After school you can catch Courtney at River City with friends, playing soccer or swimming or decorating for an upcoming Raider event. She's outgoing, helpful, fun loving, polite, creative, motivated and respectful to all she comes in contact with. She never quits until the job is done. "I learned how to strive for success from my mother who has been an example to me all my life by loving me and supporting me and raising all of us kids on her own as a single parent," says Courtney. All students can gain from Courtney's on-going example.

New VP never gives up on students

By Ivy Branaman
Editor-in-Chief

Prom is the ultimate high school experience for many teenage girls. It is one of the few times girls can get a beautiful, elegant dress, have their hair and nails done professionally, and go out to eat at an expensive, elegant restaurant. The unforgettable night, though, is often marred for many girls. Not having a date for prom can be crushing. So few adults understand this. Those that do understand the predicament may only say, "I'm sorry."

There is one adult at River City, though, who seems to care and plans to do something. New Vice Principal Bonnie Broxton has made it a personal goal to get every senior girl a date for prom. This is not the first time Ms. Broxton has attempted this. In fact, she has been playing matchmaker since 1986. Not only does she play matchmaker, she also makes arrangements to help for those who are unable to afford expensive dresses.

Getting every senior girl a date for prom is not the only formidable task Ms. Broxton ahs taken on. "I am attempting to learn every student's name," she said. She is starting with the seniors. She has over a thousand names to learn.

Ms. Broxton is committed to her students and even former students with whom she stays in touch via e-mail. "I never give up on kids. I don't believe they're bad. Kids are kids," Ms. Broxton explained. She further asserted that she has been known to work with kids on graduating up to the hour before the ceremony, making sure they have met all requirements.

Ms. Broxton's own high school experience has strongly affected her life of teaching and school administration. "My high school counselor told me to go to a j.c. [junior college] instead of a [four year] college," Ms. Broxton explained. She ignored her counselor's advice and attended a four year college, graduating twelfth in her college class.

"Teachers [and counselors] can make or break you," she adamantly stated. One of the reasons she chose to teach and be a school administrator was so that she could have a positive influence on teenagers.

Ms. Broxton intends to start her influence at River City by increasing parent involvement and spirit. She regularly meets with the leadership class to give guidance; she hopes to bring new traditions to River City.

While her passion and commitment to her job are evident in her goals and one-on-one student involvement, she once had even higher aspirations. She said the teenager Bonnie would tell the present Ms. Broxton, "Bonnie, you didn't become the first woman president but you did okay. You've helped a lot of kids."

Ms. Hatz has worn many hats

By Alison Ponzi
Staff writer

Ms. Hatz is a new addition to River City. She began her career as a teacher at a university, but her favorite teaching position was kindergarten. "Everyone should teach kindergarten at least one year. My favorite sound in the whole world is a kid laughing. Elementary kids are so eager to learn. They will do anything to please you," she said.

The impression her past teachers left on her, encouraged her to begin a career as a teacher. "I had two pretty awesome teachers when I was growing up, so that twenty years later I can still remember what an impression they made on me. They actually changed the direction where I was going. They made me realize that I had so much more potential that I wasn't using," she said.

Ms. Hatz has also had many other careers besides teaching. "My last real career was as a division one softball coach at Sacramento State and Indiana State."

Ms. Hatz said her experience at River City has been good so far. Although she does not understand the students' inability to find a garbage can, she does enjoy the atmosphere and the people. "I like the diversity," she said. "There's a lot energy and enthusiasm. The teachers are great, really friendly, and helpful."

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> *~Ms. Hatz*

Outside of her daytime job at River City, she continues to work at a group home in Elk Grove where she has worked for the last five years. She works mostly with boys ages 15-17, helping them to prepare for their futures.

"Its an emancipation program, meaning that they will not be reunited with their parents. I have to get them ready for when they turn 18 or for when they graduate; get them ready for the real world," she explained. She tries to encourage the teens and help them to get on the right track and make the important decisions that will affect them later in life. "There's a need out there to really help the kids. They need some focus and some direction. They need to know that someone is on their side and that the whole world is not against them," she added. "It's a pretty high stress job because the kids have a lot of anger and it's always directed at you because you are now the parent figure. I try to teach them better ways to channel their anger," she said.

Even though Ms. Hatz does not leave a positive and lasting impression on every boy that comes into the home, she says she continues to try to help each one the best that she can. To know that there is a chance that she can reach out and help one boy to change his direction is enough to keep her going, she said.

"If they're in a situation and they a take a half a second and they make a better choice than they would have made because of something I taught them, then that's alright. I've done my job," she said.

Ms. Hatz has the opportunity to help and change so many young people. Just to know there's a chance she may reach one or two makes her smile.

Holiday traditions vary among students' families

By Shannon Rivers Holme
Staff Writer

Every family has some sort of holiday tradition. For my family, it is gathering around to watch the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*. No matter what we're doing, we make the time to watch this very special movie.

Through the years, the characters in the movie have seemed to become a part of my family. This is probably because we watch *It's a Wonderful Life* at least twice a year. As it is, my grandfather bears a striking resemblance to George Bailey, the main character. Christmas wouldn't be the same for my family without this movie.

But for different families, the traditions change.

Freshman Ben Combs' family watches Christmas movies and then visits both of his grandparents' houses, so he really has two Christmases!

Sophomore Pritika Chand's family celebrates "Dilwali, or, in English, The Festival of Lights".

"We go to church," said Sophomore Matt Dwyer about his family's Christmas tradition.

Kevin Cheechov said his family always "buys a Christmas tree and goes to my Grandpa's house."

Frank Magellenes always goes camping with his family.

Tradition isn't the same for every family. For my family it's *It's a Wonderful Life*, for yours it's probably something different. But whatever your tradition, it is probably done as a family. And that's the point of a holiday tradition, to bring families together, if only once a year.

Poll reveals what River City students want this holiday season

With the holiday season approaching, children are beginning to write letters to Santa. Teenagers, too, are beginning to decide what it is they want this holiday season.

The Review conducted a poll asking River City students what they most wanted to see under their tree on Christmas day.

The gift most River City students wanted for Christmas can't fit under a tree. 12 people polled said they hoped to have a car for Christmas.

Ten people wanted music; seven people wanted mo ney. Seven people hoped to get a boyfriend/girlfriend for Christmas. Six people wanted clothes and five people wanted to see or be with their family this Christmas.

Only two people hoped to receive peace for Christmas.

Compiled by Monica Estorga

Mr. Shay hopes to inspire RC students to love math

By Shannon Rivers Holme
Staff Writer

"You *are* the math teacher, right?" I ask as I rush into Mr. Shay's classroom early Monday morning.

"No, I'm the art teacher," he responded.

"Really?"

"No, not really."

Mr. Shay's sense of humor is one of the many reasons he is so popular with his students.

"He really gets along with all of the students in class," Rosa Verduzco said about her math teacher.

Even though he is originally from New York, Mr. Shay really enjoys teaching in West Sacramento. "It's a really cool school. It's really diverse; it has great energy. I liked it when I student taught here last year also." Mr. Shay always wanted to be a teacher in some form or another. "I didn't always want to teach high school."

Before coming to River City, Mr. Shay taught calculus part-time at UC Davis.

He loved school when he was in it, but ironically he didn't like math.

Becoming a teacher to some of us seems like a complete waste of time. Our first question to people who become teachers is, "Why?" Mr. Shay explained: "I had some really excellent teachers. I have a good ability to explain things. I get to help people, not only with math but just to be good human beings."

"The best part about being a teacher is seeing that light bulb go off when a student finally understands something," Mr. Shay said.

Evidently many 'light bulbs' are going off in his classroom. "He's cool, he's a good teacher," student Tegan Coffin said.

Since coming to River City, Mr. Shay has found that what he wanted to happen, in actuality isn't what happened at all. It's all right by him though, "You have to see what curve balls are thrown at you and work with them.... I just went with the flow."

This year Mr. Shay hopes to get his students to enjoy math. "I want them to fall in love with it like I did."

Sports and Activities

Boys J.V. basketball comes back to win with tenacious defense and sizzling offense

By Shannon Rivers Holme
Staff Writer

When you walk into the gym, you can feel the excitement. It's coming from the junior varsity boys' basketball team. Watching them play, there's no doubt that they love the game. And not only do they love it, they're good at it! Their first game may not have been a victory, a 56-52 loss to Wheatland, but it was extremely close, even closer than the score might suggest. But their next game, a 53-43 win over Amador, showed their talent and their ability to work together as a team.

As team member Jose Negrete pointed out, "We ran our plays really well and played good defense. But they need to give me the ball more," he joked.

After falling behind early in the first quarter, the JV Raiders came back quickly with their tenacious defense and sizzling offense.

"We worked well as a team and we're really looking forward to the coming season," Sou Saetern explained.

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> *~Sou Saetern*

One of the main reasons they work together so well is because half of them are returning from last year's freshman team. Joey Sweeten, Mikael Saetern, Sou Saetern, Jose Negrete, Hasib Abdali, David Valentine, and Luis Duarte are all returning from last year. The new faces are Stan Zubov, Casey Knight, Tony Hernandez, Malakai Mumui, Andrew Arreola, Clayton Jones, and last but not least Zeddie Barger, the only freshman on the JV team.

"It's fun so far. It'll be a good season," Zeddie predicted.

Teammate Luis Duarte feels similarly. "I think we'll have a good season. We have a great team."

"It's great so far. We're looking forward to more winning," added Stan Zubov.

But don't think they're cocky. They still have a way to go, according to Coach Dennis. "If we can learn to do the right thing on a consistent basis we will be successful," he said.

So what does Coach Dennis do to keep his team motivated?

"I have a quote for the team," he said. "It's 'The time is always right to do what is right.' That's Martin Luther King, Jr."

Hopefully that will help to bring the Raiders good luck. But you can come out and help, too, on December 11 at home versus Calaveras at 5:30

Varsity boys basketball eager for season play

By Krystle Parkison
Staff Writer

After a long week in tryouts, varsity boys basketball roster is in. The 2001-2002 team is picked!

"We are very excited about our new season," commented Head Coach West. "The guys have been working really hard and are excited to start, too."

The team started the season with a disappointing loss against Wheatland. "We are still learning and need some more practice," said Coach West. "We will get better through the season."

This year's team includes Jon Daniel, Jason Demars, Damon Dosty, Mike Fonbuena, David Garcia, Elvis Hernandez, Paul Holcomb, A.J. Hunter, Miguel Jimenez, Marc Magdeleno, Greg Mistler, Chris Morgan, Brandon Mosher, Robert Rocha, and Franky Rodriguez. They have six returning varsity players from last year, and five that moved up from last year's junior varsity team.

Several players said they can't wait for the season to start and are just excited to be able to be out there playing the game.

They finished up the Argonaut Tournament late last week losing the first round, winning their second round, and playing again on Saturday. Their next game will be home on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 P.M. against Calaveras. Come out and help support your Raiders!

Fall sports banquet rewards athletic Raiders

The fall awards banquet was held last week. Awards were given out as follows:

Soccer Awards
Varsity
M.V.P.-Izzi Mashriqi
Most Improved-Danny Beus

Junior Varsity
M.V.P.-Frank Magallanes
Mike Cagle
Most Improved-Jose Luis Solorzano

All League Players
William Clayton
Izzi Mashriqi

Honorable Mention
Andy Harris
Antonio Hernandez

Football Awards
Varsity
Most Outstanding Back-Jason DeMars
Most Outstanding Lineman-Jeremiah Hunt
M.P.V.-Maiuu-Sam Floyd

All League Players
Jeremiah Hunt (1st Team: Offensive Line)
Maiuu-Sam Floyd (1st Team: Defensive Line)
Jason DeMars (1st Team: Linebacker)
Francisco Rodriguez (2nd Team: Defensive Back)

All-Yolo County Players
Jeremiah Hunt (1st Team: Center)
Maiuu-Sam Floyd (1st Team: Defensive Line)
Jason DeMars (1st Team: Linebacker)

Junior Varsity
Best Offensive Player-Ricky Bandhu
Best Defensive Player-Justin McAmoil

Freshmen
M.V.P.-Zac Smith
Most Improved Player-Levi Johnson

Volleyball
Varsity
M.V.P.-Rachel Gibbs
Most Inspirational Player-Nancy Moreno

Volleyball Junior varsity and freshmen awards were not available at press time.

Girls varsity basketball team named and ready to work hard

By Manorma Umaria
Staff Writer

The girls' varsity basketball team has begun and is ready to work hard. The varsity girl players for the 2001-2002 season are Maureen Billy, Leanne Briggs, Amanda Carriker, Jessica Cervantes, Heather Fristoe, Rachel Gibbs, Nancy Hernandez, Veronica Maldonado, Leanna McBride, Veronica Novinsky, Nai Saelee, Versha Patel, Viqui Peralta, and Kelsey West. Their first game was on November 30 at Rio Linda. The ladies played hard and put a lot of effort into the game but, unfortunately, they could not defeat Rio Linda. The final score was 34-54. The next game is on December 11 at Sac Waldorf. Most of last year's junior varsity team has come back to play for this year's varsity team. The team is hoping to do well and have a great season.

J.V. football ends season placing second in league

By Krystle Parkison
Staff Writer

The J.V. Raiders ended their 2001 season with one loss in league and second place in the championships, losing to Vanden 0-6 on November 2.

"It was a close game," commented Luis Duarte. "We had a good, strong start to our season, but unfortunately, we weren't able to hold it against Vanden. They are a tough team."

That they are. With the game 0-6 it came down to the end of the fourth quarter when the Raiders lost the ball and a chance for a win.

"Of course all the guys are disappointed," remarked Jeff Hope. "I was disappointed myself."

Coach Stolpe was disappointed too, but he had some different ideas about how his team played during the whole season.

"I am proud of our team and of our season," said Coach Stolpe, "We had a great year. The boys worked really hard this year and should be proud of themselves."

The J.V. football team ended their season 7-3 overall, and 4-1 in league, defeating Lincoln in a wipeout of 33-0.

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becomes more accepting of those," said Ms. DeCorse.

While most of the staff and students feel the same way, some also found a few disadvantages. Because of the number of students who are from foreign countries and struggling with English, some people feel that school test scores may suffer. But it seems the main disadvantage of being so culturally diverse is the fact that people may become offended easily.

"The only bad thing about it [being diverse] is the fact that there is going to be confusion and maybe even racially or culturally motivated arguments and fights," one student said.

Other students feel that while the campus itself may be culturally diverse, the students segregate themselves. This may result in cliques and gangs, which is another disadvantage some students found.

But perhaps the only real disadvantage to the situation was found by the one person who deals with every person on campus.

"The diversity is great. It gives students a chance to know people of other ethnicities and to learn about other cultures," said main secretary, and friend to many students, Martha Smith, "but the only disadvantage is that there are not enough interpreters to communicate with parents."

Many students would not have thought of this fact, but the simple truth is, many parents either don't speak much English, or don't speak any at all. This makes it incredibly hard for school officials to involve them in the educational aspect of their children's lives.

While there may be some, in actuality there are relatively few disadvantages. Personally, I feel very fortunate to have friends from so many different backgrounds. I've become so interested in learning about everyone else, I'm sure if you ask my friends, I've been driving them crazy trying to learn about their languages and cultures.

And I, like most other River City students and staff, wouldn't change this diversity for anything. With diversity comes opportunity, with opportunity comes knowledge, and knowledge brings power.

More power to River City!

RC students earn Golden State Awards for 2000-2001 school year

By Liliana Reyes
Staff Writer

"Finally the Golden State Awards are here!" That's what many of the scholars who took this exam thought. About 200 students were tested on different subjects, including algebra, geometry, chemistry, biology, U.S. history, government/civics, and Spanish language. These tests were taken May 22 thru the 31, 2000.

Students who received Golden State Awards are:

Spanish Language
Evelin Guerra

Algebra
Natalya A. Avetisov
Nicholas P. Avila
Rene Castro
Tegan N. Coffin
Chelsea M. Farnworth
Farishta Hassanpur
Jennifer E. Hoffman
Daniel G. Jerrett
Carissa R. Mahorney
William C. Mccall
Victoria L. Montez
Viktoriya N. Neverov
Alton R. Pagenkopf
Bhaves B. Patel
Garett S. Peterson
Dimitry S. Proshak
William G. Beatty
Yekaterina V. Berdnik
Nicholas A. Holsey
Christopher M. Lecureux
Chris M. Marshall
Merajuddin Niazi
Richard D. Novoa
Cory Soto
Douglas E. Riggs
Aseng Saechao
Thonglith B. Saenthavisouk
Calton H. Salzman
Alvin B. Singh
Silvia P. Soria
Shalini D. Sumershwar
Robert G. Tryner
Rosa M. Verduzco
Natalya Vysochin
Tim W. Winters
Stan Zubov

Geometry
Erin E. Ferreira
Marco A. Leal
Yana Litovka
Krystle L. Parkison
Krista C. Penney
Shawn Prasad

Biology
Athena M. Baker
Benancio M. Bedolla
Leanne A. Briggs
Joseph M. Brusco
Laura E. Carter
Anna A. Cheechov
Eric V. Eszlinger
Michael L. Gardner
Mike Gillim
Andrew Harris
Robbie W. Hodges
Marco A. Leal
Nancy Moreno
Bhaves B. Patel
Terell Proeung
Rohullah Razaqpur
Douglas E. Riggs
Brian A. Russo
Thonglith B. Saenthavisouk
Lizzette Soto
Nahdxyeli C. Valdez

Chemistry
Chanel C. Briggs
William D. Clayton
Andrey V. Dykan
Ryan L. Fiddler
Kenny Fortune
Bryon R. Groesbeck
Kathleen A. Harris
Kaz Z. Hawkins
Michelle A. Jones
Crystal A. Koell
Olesya P. Litovka
Alex A. Matthews
Sarah P. Metzer
Leslee E. Thompson
Shelley J. Tuttle
Michael V. Westervelt

U. S. History
Keonakone Lattasima
Olesya P. Litovka
Sarah P. Metzer

Government/Civics
Bashar Ahmad
Andrey V. Dykan
Igor V. Dykan
Mugeda Ferouz
Rebekah R. Marshall
Andres M. Martinez
Sara J. Penrod

OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial:

Bits & pieces

The News-Ledger editor has noticed something that could prove either quite interesting or quite meaningless: based on a number of random conversations around town, opinions regarding the proposed Indian gaming casino in West Sacramento seem to be split along the demographics of age.

Local senior citizens have tended to support the casino. Younger folks have tended to oppose it. Could it be that seniors view recreational gambling differently from the young?

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Give Mike McGowan credit for taking another look.

The port chairman (also a Yolo supervisor) has asked the port's legal counsel to examine whether the port commission's agenda handled an asphalt and concrete plant correctly Monday. The agenda called for the commission go into closed session to discuss – and possibly settle upon – details for leasing port land to the factory. Only after this private discussion did the commission come out to hear public comment on the proposal.

It's true that the whole issue ended up being tabled for a couple of months. And it's true that the public's comments could have caused the port commission to change its collective mind on whatever it might have just decided in closed session. It's also correct that the public could have addressed the asphalt/concrete plant issue at prior port meetings, although the proposal had little chance of being aware of the issue in time to address it earlier.

Monday's agenda order nevertheless appeared backwards, and it appeared to deny the public a chance to truly and fairly affect the commission's decision-making process. Had the public been given a chance to talk first, the views of community members might well have affected the commission's closed-session talks about lease terms.

This order of agenda iems was not an attempt to preclude public input –which the port seldom receives anyway. Port director John Sulpizio last week was more than forthcoming to the News-Ledger in discussing how yesterday's meeting would proceed. But when it comes to the state's open meeting laws, it's always a good policy that, when in doubt, local government should err on the side of allowing too much public comment rather than too little.

In this case, though, "no harm, no foul."

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Nope.

The West Sacramento Press newspaper still hasn't changed its printed claim to be "the official newspaper of record for the City of West Sacramento." The Press has not been even one of the "official newspapers of record" for the city since June, when the News-Ledger was authorized to publish the city's legal notices by itself.

But anything can happen. The Press's false marketing claim could become true again the next time the city awards its legal notice publication contract – in July, 2002.

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Letters to the Editor

Tribe responds on gaming:

I was disappointed to read the letter from the pastors' group about our proposed West Sacramento casino (News-Ledger, Nov. 28) even before the community has had an opportunity to hear all the details of our plans, including many advantages for this city.

I respect the fact that some individuals and groups are opposed to gaming under any circumstances. At the same time, we live in a state where gambling is legal, and our goal is to provide a safe, appropriate and attractive place for people who choose to do so—in a way that benefits West Sacramento.

Why are we pursuing our ambitions? It has to do with the history of our Pomo people. This isn't offered as a complaint about past mistreatment but rather to help others understand why we are seeking to move forward.

Generally, my Native American people have been systematically deprived of their lives, liberty, way of life, and property, since the European "discovery" of America—much of it in the name of religion. Wholesale relocation began in the early 19th century. Specifically, my people, the Pomos of California, were massacred, enslaved and interred on impoverished "rancherias" by the Russians, the Spanish and finally the Americans.

About 50 years ago, the U.S. Government instituted an Indian Relocation Program, taking away what little our Indian people had left, and dumping them in big cities, to fare for themselves. Our families were relocated without the benefit of relevant training, experience, funds or any support. They were strangers in a strange land – stranded by the U.S. Government.

Our particular tribe, the Upper Lake Pomo, were rounded up by Americans and placed on a remote, arid rancheria, only marginally suitable for subsistence farming. And then, even the rancheria was traded away from us by the federal relocation act.

What I have just recited isn't propaganda. It's history. Many of you, regardless of your ancestry – be it Japanese, Jewish, Russian, Latino, African American, or even Irish – can relate to this type of racial bigotry and oppression. Whether it is in the name of religion or otherwise!

In 1988, with the specific purpose of helping Native Americans gain self-sufficiency, the U. S. Congress passed the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Since then, hundreds of Indian Tribes have opened successful casinos all across America.

For Native Americans, this is the return of the buffalo – a hand up, not a hand out.

The state of California operates a lottery. Horse racing has drawn wagering since before California became a state. Native Americans in California have been running limited gaming facilities for many years. As a result of the state Compact, and various Federal laws, casino-style Indian gaming is one of the most regulated industries in America. Indian casino's are big, attractive, safe, and friendly and offer citizens a form of entertainment.

In the highly regulated experience of recent years, law enforcement agencies concede there has been no measurable or meaningful incidence of organized crime, prostitution, or increases in alcoholism or gambling addiction associated with Indian gaming.

The state compact and tribal policy will prohibit the youth of the West Sacramento from entering our casino. Our beautiful new facility will be located on land already zoned for similar uses.

Our facility will be a true asset to West Sacramento. We will provide up to 2000 new union jobs, all good paying with full benefits. The city will have a major new source of income with only a minimal impact on city resources – something that will benefit all local taxpayers. The city can use this income in any way it chooses, for many improvements, for such things as the Police Department, Fire Department, or any other needed city services.

Many of these casino employees will live, work, go to school, go to church and shop in West Sacramento. And casino employees will be prohibited from gambling in this casino.

Finally, my tribe, the Upper Lake Pomos, have proposed to invest some of their profits into badly needed improvements in West Sacramento, such as quality senior housing, improved low income housing, and investments to improve West Capitol Avenue (which also takes advantage of its proximity to Sacramento). Our tribe wants a better life for our people and it wants to be a serious, conscientious and contributing member of this lovely community.

We ask local residents to withhold judgment until they've heard the full story of what we will propose for this community over the next few weeks. Don't base your opinions on movies about the way Las Vegas was in the 1950s.

We are confident that we can make a dif-

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct 18, 2001
File No. 2001-699

The following person is doing business as Webola Design, 1642 ArcherDr., Woodland CA 95695:

David Krause, 1642 Archer Drive, Woodland CA 95695; Mark Eagleton, 808 Fourth St., Woodland CA 95776.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 18, 2001. Previous fictitious business name number .

/s/David Krause

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County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Oct 18, 2001
by: /s/, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 31, 2001
File No. 2001-728

The following person is doing business as The Botanist's Apothecary, 2432 Leonardo St., Davis CA 95616:

Kitren Glozer & Shelley Wood, same address as above .

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

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/s/Kitren Glozer
/s/Shelley Wood

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Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Oct. 31, 2001
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk
Nov 14 21 28 Dec 5

Statement of Withdrawal From Partnership Operating Under a Fictitious Business Name

The following persons have withdrawn as general partners from the partnership operating under the Fictitious Business Name: DuPar and Angel Manufactured Housing at 2532 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, California, 95404.

The full name and residence of the persons withdrawing as partners include: Pacific Home Sales, Inc., a California corporation, 717 Lido Park Drive, Suite B, Newport Beach, CA 92663; Visalia Trailer Sales, a California corporation, 6801 Avenue 304, Visalia, CA 93291.

/s/George Bravante, Vice President
Pacific Home Sales, Inc.,
A California corporation
/s/George Bravante, President
Visalia Trailer Sales,
A California corporation

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County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov 7, 2001
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk
Nov 21 28 Dec 5 12

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed 2001
File No. 2001-778

The following person is doing business as Sacramento Building Products, 411 Glide Ave., W. Sacramento, CA 95691:

Sacramento Insulation Contractors, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/9/1963.

/s/Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr.
Vice President
Sacramento Insulation Contractors

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County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: 2001
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk
Dec 12 19 26 Jan 2

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 15, 2001
File No. 2001-755

The following person is doing business as Accurate Manufacturing, 3982 Commerce Dr., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Michael Robert Wigley, 4827 Arbardee Dr., Fair Oaks CA 95628.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11-15-01.

/s/Michael R. Wigley

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County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov 15, 2001
by: /s/Kimberly Weisenburg , Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 9, 2001
File No. 2001-744

The following person is doing business as Lemur Dolls, 2941 Marconi Ave., Apt. 36, Sacramento CA 95821:

Jonah Andrianarivo, PO Box 72963, Davis CA 95617.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/97. Previous fictitious business name number 97-037.

/s/Jonah Andrianarivo

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Date: Nov 9, 2001
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 15, 2001
File No. 2001-756

The following person is doing business as Granite Bay Tile and Stone Tools, 30 Clark Ct., Woodland CA 95776:

Diane L. Koch, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11-15-01.

/s/Diane Koch

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Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
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ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting on December 12, 2001, the West Sacramento City Council is scheduled to adopt Ordinance 01-14 amending the Zoning Map from Community Commercial (C-2) to Multiple Family Residential Planned Development for the Capitol Place Project located at the NW corner of Sacramento Avenue and Douglas Street.

Dec 5

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH SCOTT
CASE NUMBER PB01-315

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Mary Elizabeth Scott; Mary E. Scott:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Nancy E. Ontiveros in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Nancy E. Ontiveros be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Jan. 15, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 5 at 725 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Richard H. Will
2001 21st Street, Suite 200
Sacramento CA 95818
916-456-3226

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 24, 2001
File No. 2001-713

The following person is doing business as UNIFITT, 1501 Madrone Ave. #30, W. Sacto. CA 95691:

Lonnie Lewis IV, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/05/01. Previous fictitious business name number .

/s/Lonnie Lewis IV

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Oct. 24, 2001
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 16, 2001
File No. 2001-758

The following person is doing business as Total Car Video, 1585 Parkway Blvd., Suite A, West Sac. CA 95691:

Thomas A. Fiffick, 2512 Avocet Wy., Lincoln CA 95648.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/16/01.

/s/Thomas A. Fiffick

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
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The modern minds in each generation are the critics who preserve us from a petrifying world, who will not leave us to walk undisturbed in the ways of our fathers.

—Edith Hamilton

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PUZZLES & COMICS

Got a Life

by Terri Davis



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by Jeff Pickering



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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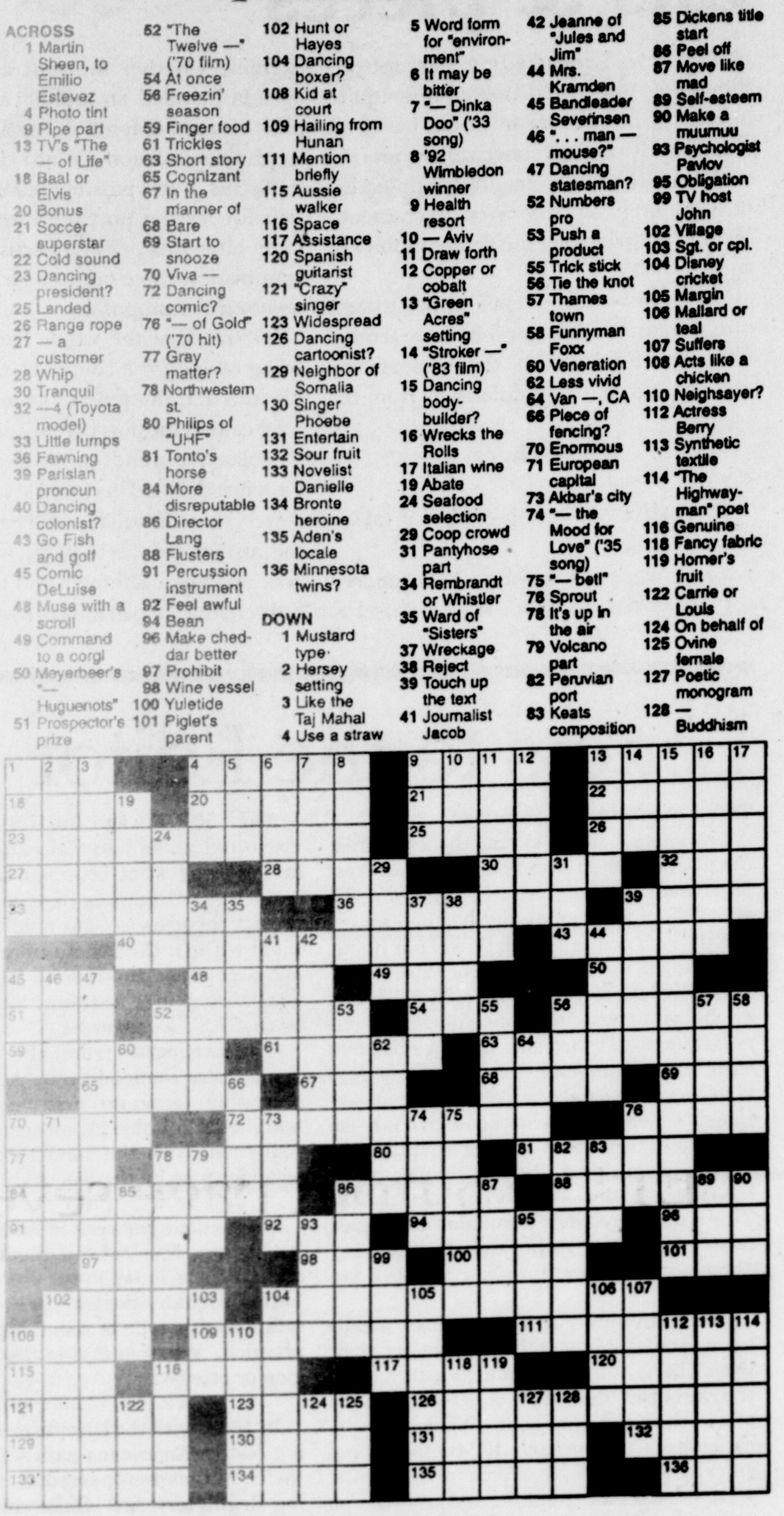


Super Crossword

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1 Martin Sheen, to Emilio Estevez
4 Photo tint
9 Pipe part
13 TV's "The — of Life"
18 Baal or Elvis
20 Bonus
21 Soccer superstar
22 Cold sound
23 Dancing president?
25 Landed
26 Range rope
27 — a customer
28 Whip
30 Tranquil
32 —4 (Toyota model)
33 Little lumps
36 Fawning
39 Parisian pronoun
40 Dancing colonist?
43 Go Fish and golf
45 Comic DeLuise
48 Muse with a scroll
49 Command to a corgi
50 Meyerbeer's "— Huguenots"
51 Prospector's prize
52 "The Twelve —" ('70 film)
54 At once
56 Freezin' season
59 Finger food
61 Trickles
63 Short story
65 Cognizant
67 In the manner of
68 Bare
69 Start to snooze
70 Viva —
72 Dancing comic?
76 "— of Gold" ('70 hit)
77 Gray matter?
78 Northwestern st.
80 Philips of "UHF"
81 Tonto's horse
84 More disreputable
86 Director Lang
88 Flusters
91 Percussion instrument
92 Feel awful
94 Bean
96 Make cheddar better
97 Prohibit
98 Wine vessel
100 Yuletide
101 Piglet's parent
102 Hunt or Hayes
104 Dancing boxer?
108 Kid at court
109 Hailing from Hunan
111 Mention briefly
115 Aussie walker
116 Space
117 Assistance
120 Spanish guitarist
121 "Crazy" singer
123 Widespread
126 Dancing cartoonist?
129 Neighbor of Somalia
130 Singer Phoebe
131 Entertain
132 Sour fruit
133 Novelist Danielle
134 Bronte heroine
135 Aden's locale
136 Minnesota twins?

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1 Mustard type
2 Hersey setting
3 Like the Taj Mahal
4 Use a straw
5 Word form for "environment"
6 It may be bitter
7 "— Dinka Doo" ('33 song)
8 '92 Wimbledon winner
9 Health resort
10 — Aviv
11 Draw forth
12 Copper or cobalt
13 "Green Acres" setting
14 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
15 Dancing bodybuilder?
16 Wrecks the Rolls
17 Italian wine
19 Abate
24 Seafood selection
29 Coop crowd
31 Pantyhose part
34 Rembrandt or Whistler
35 Ward of "Sisters"
37 Wreckage
38 Reject
39 Touch up the text
41 Journalist Jacob
42 Jeanne of "Jules and Jim"
44 Mrs. Kramden
45 Bandleader Severinsen
46 "... man — mouse?"
47 Dancing statesman?
52 Numbers pro
53 Push a product
55 Trick stick
56 Tie the knot
57 Thames town
58 Funnyman Foxx
60 Veneration
62 Less vivid
64 Van —, CA
66 Piece of fencing?
70 Enormous
71 European capital
73 Akbar's city
74 "— the Mood for Love" ('35 song)
75 "— bet!"
76 Sprout
78 It's up in the air
79 Volcano part
82 Peruvian port
83 Keats composition
85 Dickens title start
86 Peel off
87 Move like mad
89 Self-esteem
90 Make a muumuu
93 Psychologist Pavlov
95 Obligation
99 TV host John
102 Village
103 Sgt. or cpl.
104 Disney cricket
105 Margin
106 Mallard or teal
107 Suffers
108 Acts like a chicken
110 Neighsayer?
112 Actress Berry
113 Synthetic textile
114 "The Highwayman" poet
116 Genuine
118 Fancy fabric
119 Homer's fruit
122 Carrie or Louis
124 On behalf of
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127 Poetic monogram
128 — Buddhism



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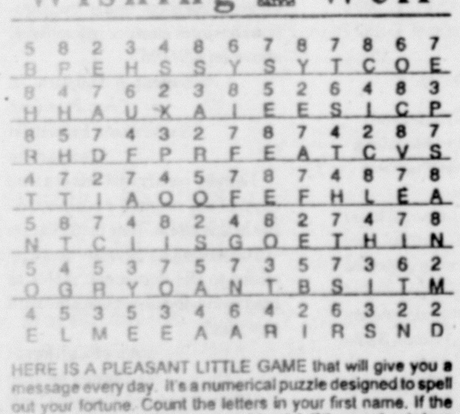
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bayou	Lake	Pond	Slough
Bog	Marsh	Puddle	Swamp
Fjord	Mere	Reservoir	Tarn
Lagoon	Ocean	Sea	

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
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- Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.
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ORIGINAL DEFECTIVE

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way the wind blows. Why rush into something – why not take time and fully explore it?"

Backus's group has opted to borrow the name of a former local activist group – also composed largely of Southport residents – that vigorously but unsuccessfully fought against plans for new industrial development in Southport over a decade ago. The group narrowly lost a ballot measure on the issue. One of its leaders, attorney Kimber Goddard, narrowly lost a bid for a city council seat in the same hard-fought 1990 election. One of the chief opponents of the group – who successfully fought off Goddard's city council challenge – was McGowan.

McGowan has since won election to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

Goddard has returned to live in West Sacramento. After learning about the new community group that has formed around Backus, Goddard attended one of their meetings and has become involved. The group's "QUAD" initials stand for "Quality Urbanization And Development."

SANTA from p. 1

locations:

Monday, Dec. 10, in Southport's northeast: including Beazer homes and Lemontree, Limewood area, Aster, Burmingham, Crown, Devon, Kinsington, Essex, Diablo, Manchester, Gateway, Sausalito, Sansome, Mojave, Merced, Spruce, Redwood, and Alder.

Tues., Dec. 11, Southport's southwest: including Linden, Summerfield, Jacquelyn, Janet, Betty, Shirley, Leslie, Diane, Brenda, Kathy, Violet, Mareca and Teal.

Wed., Dec. 12, Bridgeway Island: including Catalina Island, Jamaica, Maui, Big Island, Ballena, Farralon, North Bass, Venice St., and others.

Thurs., Dec. 13: Broderick/Bryte: including Fremont, Douglas, Andrew, Sixth, Cummins, Anna, Kegle, Carrie, N. Hobson, Hobson and Fourness.

Fri., Dec. 14, North Business 80: Pine, Palomar, Marigold, Doran, Garnet, Greenmeadow, Evergreen, Sycamore, Buckeye, Hemlock, Balsam, Willow, Merkley, Rockrose, Chaparral, Lilac, Manzanita, Washington, Oxford, Maple, Walnut, Holly and Pecan.

Mon., Dec. 17: Old West Sacramento: Deerwood, Lakewood, Fernwood, Sonora, Haverhill, Meadow, Webster, Virginia, Alabama, Delaware and Maryland.

The firefighters ask that the public understand that Santa can't get to every street; and the fire truck route can't include trailer parks, courts or dead-ends. Please do not call "9-1-1" for information; instead, please call Rob Snyder at 373-5825 or Alex Henderson at 373-5808.

Chamber & Rotary pitch in at local schools



PAUL KOLARIK of First Northern Bank's West Sacramento branch (above, standing) volunteers his time to help the "Adopt-A-School" program at Elkhorn Elementary School.

The program now has volunteers from both the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club.

Kolarik helps the students in the after-school homework club that meets three days a week. Program members plan to branch out into helping out boys' and girls' clubs at local schools, as well as helping kids learn to read, do math and other subjects.

To volunteer or assist the program, call Charyl Silva at 372-8383, or Cyndi Thompson at 375-7670.

Calligraphy and other art on display at Turner

By Betty Fairbairn Sokolich

The versatile artist, Henriette Doglietto, is exhibiting in the meeting room of the Arthur Turner Library from December 1, 2001 to January 31, 2002.

A well attended reception was held on December 2nd to give the public an opportunity to view her exhibit titled "With and Without Words", a hint that Doglietto is also a calligrapher as well as an abstract expressionist and colorist. She believes, as the influential painter and teacher, Hans Hoffman taught, that color speaks to the viewer emotionally and symbolically as color expresses our ideas and feelings. The titles of previous exhibits, "Visual Journey of Inward Places" (1994) and "Revelations" (1997) are clues to the introspection of the artist.

Doglietto explores different techniques to achieve her final statements so you will find collage, acrylic, oil, assemblages, and calligraphy used in the paintings on display and combinations of these in intriguing, creative art pieces. For instance, "The Child" with beautiful calligraphy uses child-like blobs of color to set off the message of the old Chinese proverb. "The Artist" relies on the pristine white paper to convey the definition of an artist's philosophy. A companion set, "The Eye" and "Quotation" flows visually from one to the other. Complementary colors of red and green are offset by a soft blue and enriched by streaks of silver dashing across the surface to convey the calligraphic message. "Horizons" is a quiet, serene collage of softly painted shapes assembled to accent the horizontal composition.

The media often influences an artist's approach to the use of color and to contrast the quietness of "Horizons" are several abstract oil paintings. "California Landscape", for instance, is bright yellow and reminds us of a hot valley summer. The viewer of "Shift of the Paradigm", an abstract oil, might be influenced by the September 11, 2001 attack to interpret the pattern of the painting as representing the chaos of the falling towers in New York which may not be the idea the artist intended but the observer creates their own story from abstracts.

The East Yolo Friends of the Library sponsors the library exhibits which can be viewed during regular library hours. The meeting room can be entered from the children's section. For library hours and more information, call 375-6465.

LETTERS from page seven

ference that will benefit all of West Sacramento, including its local church communities.

CARMELLA TREPPA-ICAY-JOHNSON
Interim Tribal Chairperson
Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake

Words for the wise

Wise words from the November 28th *News-Ledger*'s front page, "Simple rules offer relief from wood burning ills." On a somewhat related note, I would also offer words of caution on similarly dangerous practices:

1. Barbecuing in one's garage, especially from multiple unit housing, where attics-in-common prevail. Any unhealthy pollution from charcoal burning added to broken connections in central heat/air with the attics-in-common equals direct delivery of unhealthy air to one's neighbor or to oneself. So such practices are not only dangerous, but may also be illegal, thus one could be held liable for adverse results from same.
2. "Warming up" one's vehicle or waiting for someone too long after starting engine. Believe it or not, there are still some drivers out there who haven't learned or have forgotten the adverse potentials of carbon monoxide poisoning from exhaust fumes. If one's central heat/AC includes ductwork to/from garage, those ducts should be closed most of the time so as to keep exhaust fumes out of one's home. Open ducts only if using garage for purposes not related to vehicle and then be sure there's no potential for adverse health effects from products stored therein. And keep to a minimum incoming exhaust from neighboring vehicles while one's windows are open.
3. Cautious use of electric space heaters, including preventing overload, proper spacing and the like. (And please, don't cause yourself or others to become casualties of falling asleep while smoking) This latter point can be particularly important when living with others, but especially so in multiple unit housing.
4. Finally, we need to make sure our smoke alarms are working, changing batteries at least annually, keeping an eye on the little red light. Better yet, get a burglar alarm that includes a carbon monoxide protection unit, which saves 20% on homeowners' insurance costs. And why not have fire extinguishers strategically placed throughout the home. Did I forget about having a long water hose in the front and back of the house? Proper plant clearance?

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

4-H Club welcomes opportunity to serve

The West Sacramento 4-H Club had special guests at its November club meeting.

Visiting the local chapter were Carol MacNeil, state 4-H director; Linda Manton, regional director; Larry Clement, county 4-H director; Dr. Rebecca Carver, county 4-H youth advisor; and Terry Kincaid, county 4-H council president. The leaders encouraged the local club to encourage growth and diversity.

Last month, the local 4-H Club performed community services including assisting with children's programs at the local library, singing for residents of the Margaret McDowell Manor, and serving Thanksgiving dinner to guests of the United Christian Center. They will help at the same facilities in December, and will sponsor a canned food drive for the community Christmas basket project.

Anyone with a "community service learning opportunity" may call Heidi Sanchez at 373-9044 for information.

The next local 4-H meeting will be Tues., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at Westmore Oaks School, 1504 Fallbrook Ave. Please bring canned food items for the drive, or call 373-9044 or 371-6412 to make other arrangements regarding donated food.

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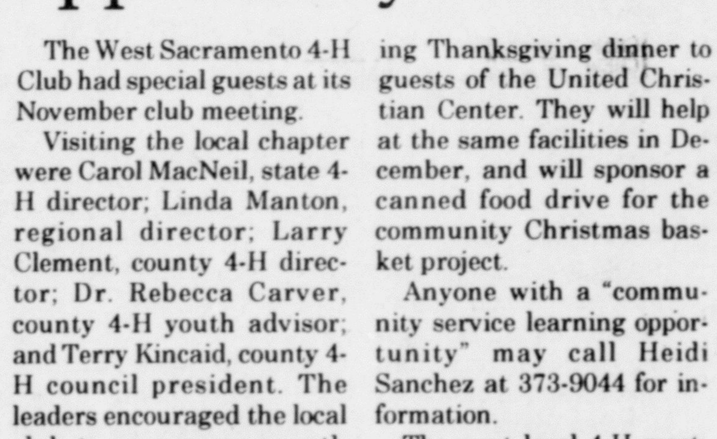
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Local Scene

Holiday concert

The West Sacramento Community Orchestra will offer a free concert on Sun., Dec. 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the West Sacramento Senior Center, and again on Tues., Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Methodist Church at 5401 Freeport Blvd. The program will include Chadwick's Noel, Holst's Christmas Concerto, and Holcombe's Festive Sounds of Hannukah. For information on the concerts, or about joining the group, call 991-5262.

Flag retirement

West Sacramento VFW Post 8762 is collecting warn, tattered and unserviceable American flags for proper disposal. Anyone wishing to turn in a flag in need of retirement may take it to the post at daily after 10 a.m. Call 371-7245 for information.

'Giving tree'

The West Sacramento Rotary Club will host a "Giving Tree" at Raley's on West Capitol Ave. on Sat., Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shoppers can visit the tree and choose to buy a gift for a senior citizen who is alone or in need of holiday help this season. When the requests are filled, they will be wrapped and delivered by Rotary "elves" the week prior to Christmas.

Interfaith

The West Sacramento Interfaith Gathering will meet for its regular brown bag lunch on Friday, Dec. 7, at noon at Community Lutheran Church (920 Drever St.). All are welcome; come and share your faith. Call 371-8804 for more information.

Holiday lights

The U.S. 40 Association is looking for volunteers and organizations to help decorate the Safeway shopping center parking lot near Jefferson Blvd. and West Capitol Ave. on Dec. 8 from 6-8 p.m. Earlier the same day, interested people will meet at Helen's Picnic Place restaurant on Merkley Ave. to caravan to Auburn to see that city's light show. A potluck is planned.

Air quality officer

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District has an opening on its hearing board for the position of medical profession member. The board meets to decide on petitions for variances from air quality rules, and hears appeals involving permit or emission credit reduction decisions. Terms are for three years. Applications must be received by Dec. 7. Call (530) 757-3650 or (800) 287-3650, or visit www.ysaqmd.org.

Moose doings

On Friday, Dec. 7, the West Sacramento Moose Lodge will host a Cajun night with dancing 8:30-p.m. to midnight (cover charge is $10). Dinner of Cajun sausage sandwiches and trimmings ($5) will be served. Call 371-6303 or 371-9684.

On Dec. 15, the lodge will host a Western Nite Dinner and Dance (steak and trimmings for $12 beginning at 6 p.m., and dancing from 8 p.m.). Call 371-9684.

On Friday, Dec. 21, the lodge will have a chicken strip dinner beginning at 6 p.m. for $5 per person.

And the lodge will host its biggest party of the year on New Year's Eve, with no-host cocktails from 6 p.m., a filet mignon dinner beginning at 7:30, and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. to "Pete Grimaldi and the Blues Box Rockin' Bayou Band." Only 125 tickets will be sold. $25 per person; call 371-6303 early.

Hayride

Southport Community Church is hosting its annual community hayride with rides departing from Summerfield Park at 6 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 15. Refreshments and hot drinks available. There will be Christmas caroling. No charge. Call 372-7818.

Quilts visit Yolo

Fifty quilts from the nation's Upper Midwest will be on display at the Heidrick Ag History Museum in Woodland from Nov. 1 to December 7. The "fiber art" pieces are generally meant for decorative rather than practical purposes. The museum is located at 1962 Hays Lane and is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $6 for adults; $5 for seniors and $4 for children 6-14. Children under six and center members are admitted without charge.

Christmas baskets

Signups to receive Christmas baskets of holiday food will be held Sun., Nov. 25, to Wed., Dec. 12 at the Information Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, located at the Community Lutheran Church, 920 Drever St., Suite 100. Weekday hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., and Sundays 1-3 p.m. Bring proof of residency such as a rent receipt or utility bill, driver's license or other ID, proof of income such as paycheck stub, Medi-Cal stub, etc., and social security card. One basket per family/residence. Distribution will be Dec. 20-21 at the ILWU Hall, 4th & F Streets, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Toys will be distributed Dec. 22 from 1-6 p.m. for children 14 and under.

Parks plan

The West Sacramento parks master plan update will be presented for public review on Tues., Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. at Evergreen Elementary School, 919 Westacre Rd. For more information, call 373-5860. Please note the new meeting location.

Art exhibit

Henriette Doglietto will exhibit artwork and calligraphy from Dec. 2 through January at the Arthur F. Turner Library, 1212 Merkley Ave. No charge. A reception for the artist is scheduled for Sun., Dec. 2, from 2-5 p.m. at the library.

Parents Anonymous

Yolo Family Service Agency is offering a "Parents Anonymous" group, meeting Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. at 409 Lincoln Ave. to provide parents a place to talk freely about being a parent. No charge. Free childcare. Attendance is on a drop-in basis. The program is a "support group" for parents. Call (530) 662-9463 or 662-2211 ext. 33.

AIDS project quilt

The Yolo Co. Health Dept. will sponsor a viewing of the Names Project AIDS quilt at the County Fair Mall in Woodland from Dec. 3 to Dec. 9. Call (530) 666-8428 for display information or information on fighting or preventing AIDS.

Toys for tots

Yolobus will join the U.S. Marine Corps League in collecting "Toys for Tots". Donors should bring unwrapped toys in lieu of bus fare on Friday, Dec. 7, on any Yolobus route. For information on other ways to help the program, which will distribute the toys to kids on Dec. 22, call 1-800-371-2877.

Submit your 'Local Scene' items early for best chance of publication. Mail to: News-Ledger, Attn: Local Scene, PO Box 463, W. Sac., CA 95691.

New at the local library

By Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"How the Scots Invented the Modern World: The True Story of How Western Europe's Poorest Nation Created Our World & Everything in It," by Arthur Herman.

"Sky of Stone: A Memoir," by Homer Hickam.

"Russia's Heroes 1941-45: An Epic Account of Struggle and Survival on the Eastern Front," by Albert Axell.

"Why Elephants Have Big Ears: Understanding Patterns of Life on Earth," by Chris Lavers.

"Search Engines for the World Wide Web, Third Edition," by Alfred and Emily Glossbrenner.

New books for kids:

"Mummies, Dinosaurs, Moon Rocks: How We Know How Old Things Are," by James Jespersen.

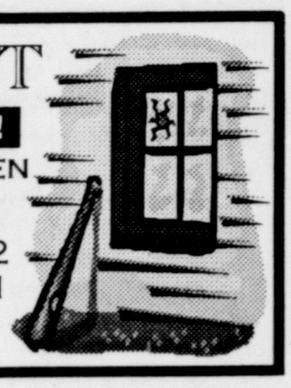
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"Dirty Laundry Pile: Poems in Different Voices" selected by Paul B. Janeczko.

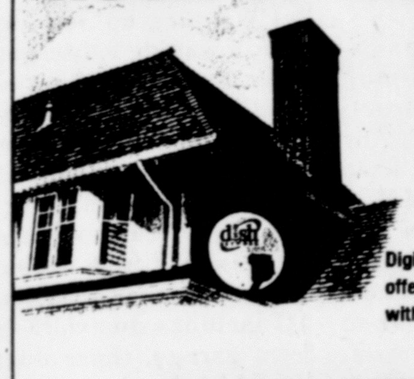
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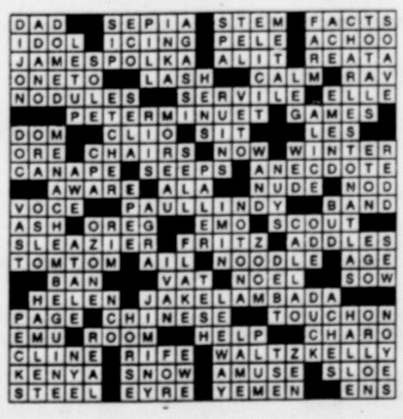


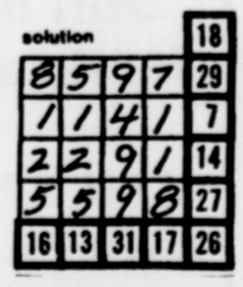
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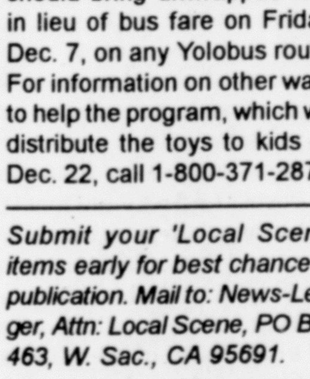


Answers to Puzzles & Sports Quiz





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8	5	9	7	29
1	1	4	1	7
2	2	9	1	14
5	5	9	8	27
16	13	31	17	26



Answers:

1. Hank Aaron and Frank Robinson met in 1976.
2. Fred Lynn accomplished the feat in 1975 for Boston.
3. The New York Dragons scored 99 points against Carolina in 2001.
4. Duke has been to nine Final Fours under Krzyzewski's guidance.
5. Steve Yzerman has been the captain of the Red Wings since the 1986-87 season.
6. Gordon was 14th that season.
7. None. She reached two finals (1982 French Open, 1983 Wimbledon) but lost to Martina Navratilova both times.

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Differences: 1. Apron is different. 2. Spoon is missing. 3. Left candlestick is taller. 4. Picture is moved. 5. Earring is different. 6. Man's nose is larger.

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